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News From the NN/LM SCR Office

-- Renée Bougard, Associate Director

1999 began with a bang in the RML. For most of January, we were involved with the budget proposal for Year 04 of the contract, which will begin on May 1. After our budget has been approved by the NLM, we will share the 1999-2000 plan with the region.

I am happy to announce that we are now fully staffed. On February 15, Ralph Talley joined the NN/LM SCR office as the Publications Assistant. Ralph's primary responsibilities include assisting the staff with the production of publications and the NN/LM SCR website, and serving as backup to our Office Assistant. He has a background with HTML, web design and graphics experience. You will have an opportunity to learn more about Ralph in the March-April issue of Network News.

The NN/LM SCR Board met on December 4, 1998 in Houston. An update of RML and NLM-related activities was the focus of the meeting. James McGinnis, R.Ph., Director of Pharmacy Programs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Dallas, is serving as the 1999 NN/LM SCR Board Chair. We look forward to working with him. Many thanks to James Pat Craig, Director, LSU Medical Center Library, Shreveport LA, for serving as Board Chair during 1998. We appreciate his support and leadership during the past year.

If you are not subscribed to our regional listserv, I urge you to do so. We are utilizing the listserv to keep you informed of items that occur between issues of Network News. The address to subscribe is: listserv@lib40.library.tmc.edu. Leave the subject line blank and in the message area, include the following: `subscribe nnlmscr yourfirstname yourlastname`. (continues on Page 4)



Pat Craig (right), past chair of the SCR Board congratulates and welcomes James McGinnis, R. Ph. as the new chair.



Naomi C. Broering, Director of the NN/LM SCR, presents certificate to Pat Craig, past Chair of the SCR Board.

Florence Nightingale & Her Legacy for Nursing

An Exhibit Co-Sponsored by The LBJ Library & Museum and the UT Austin School of Nursing

-- Rebecca A. Prince, Assistant Dean, UT School of Nursing, Austin, TX (prince@mail.utexas.edu)

In association with the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing, the LBJ Library and Museum will present Florence Nightingale & Her Legacy for Nursing. The exhibit, which has more than 30 items provided by the Florence Nightingale Museum Trust in London, England, opens on April 1, 1999. This will be the first time that these items have been on loan to any institution in the United States.

These artifacts represent Ms. Nightingale's time at the Scutari Hospital during the Crimean War, with emphasis on her contributions to nursing education. The exhibit will also feature the history of The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing.

Florence Nightingale has been referred to as the founder of modern nursing. Her detailed accounts and journals of the Crimean War led to a revolution in the ways of nursing and sanitation.

Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy, while her English parents were on vacation. She began her career in nursing after "a calling from God." She started as a superintendent of an institution for sick gentlewomen in London.

In 1845, England became involved in the Crimean War and because of lack of medical assistance, the Secretary of War asked Nightingale to go and help heal the wounded. For nearly two years Nightingale and her staff of nurses worked to better the lives of the sick and wounded at the Scutari Hospital in Turkey -- those efforts made Florence Nightingale a national hero.

She spent the rest of her life working to reform the military hospital system and improve nursing everywhere. Working closely with statistician Dr. William Farr, Nightingale became an expert at statistics. She found statistics the "most fascinating of all reading" and was elected a member of the Royal Statistical Society.

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Nightingale also worked on an outreach program to nurse the sick in their homes instead of a hospital.

In recent decades, the U.S. Government has worked to guide health care policy toward consistently high quality care for all Americans. Early in his presidency, Lyndon B. Johnson, who focused most of his domestic policy on social reform, signed into law the Nursing Training Act of 1964, which authorized a program of grants to build and renovated nursing schools and provided funding for students to attend the schools.

The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing follows Florence Nightingale's model of outreach in nursing. Three programs have been developed to help individuals who cannot afford medical care or do not have access to a hospital. The community expansion efforts focus on the prevention and early detection of diabetes in the colonias in South Texas. Another program is the Community Women's Wellness Center. This center provides low or no cost mammograms for women in Travis County with no health insurance. The Children's Wellness Center in a nurse-managed, school based health center operating in collaboration with Del Valle Independent School District providing health care to well and sick children from 0 to 21 years of age. These services include immunizations, vision and hearing screens, parenting consultation and education, sports physicals, and home visits.

The Florence Nightingale exhibit will run until May 31, 1999. Alex Attewell, curator of the Florence Nightingale Museum Trust in London, England, will give an exclusive press preview of the exhibit on April 12, 1999 at 10:00am.

NLM Exhibit Commemorates the 150th Anniversary of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell's Graduation from Medical School

(Adapted from NLM Press Release at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/press_releases/blackwell.html)- When Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell graduated from Geneva Medical College in upstate New York in January of 1849, few in the audience could appreciate the obstacles she had overcome to become America's first woman M.D. To commemorate this event, the National Library of Medicine, in Bethesda, Md., has mounted a small exhibit, titled, "That Girl There Is Doctor in Medicine."

The exhibit includes items illustrating Blackwell's life from medical school and throughout her career. It includes circulars and catalogs, some of Blackwell's own publications, and several portraits of her. "Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell was a true medical pioneer. Not only was she the first American woman to graduate from medical school, but she also focused her medical attention on the public health needs of the urban poor," said Tenley Albright, M.D. Dr. Albright chairs the Library's Board of Regents.

Blackwell's journey to and through medical school was rocky. She had been turned down by all the well-established medical schools before being accepted by a smaller college. Even her attempts to get clinical medical experience in outside hospitals during breaks in her medical education were met with hostility. After vigorous lobbying by the governing body of the Blockley Almshouse in Philadelphia, she was allowed to observe patients and medical staff but the young resident physicians refused to have anything to do with her.

Following graduation, Blackwell went on to a sterling medical career, but it was not without its mishaps. After two years of further study in Paris and London (Blackwell was British-born), she settled in New York City to establish a medical practice, where she met "a blank wall of social and professional antagonism." Undaunted she turned her attention to social and hygienic reform and promoting medical education for women. She established The Women's Medical College of New York Infirmary in 1868 with fifteen students.

Dr. Blackwell also established a free clinic, The New York Infirmary for Indigent Women and Children (which still exists as the New York Infirmary/Beckman Downtown Hospital). The purpose of the full-scale hospital was not only to serve the poor, but also to provide positions for women physicians and a training facility for female medical and nursing students. "Hers is a remarkable story," commented NLM Director, Donald A. B. Lindberg, M.D., "She was a fine physician-for her time or any other. One wishes she were viewed as a model by students today."

The National Library of Medicine is open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday; and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Blackwell exhibit will remain on display through June 1999.

DOCLINE

v Effective January 4, 1999, the DOCLINE system will be available from 6:00A.M. - 11:00P.M., Monday to Friday, and 6:00A.M. - 9:00P.M., Saturday (Eastern time).

v The Texas Woman's University in Denton has joined the NN/LM SCR as a new DOCLINE Library. Its LIBID is 76204A.

v Any questions regarding DOCLINE can be sent to Re Mishra at ruicham@library.tmc.edu

A Reminder about Coupons

All libraries need to watch the expiration dates on coupons. Also, after the coupons have expired, all coupon holders have six months to redeem or exchange. No coupons will be accepted after this six-month period.

For more information, contact Diane Russell, Lewis Library, University of North Texas Health Science Center, 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76107, or call 817/ 735-2380; fax 817/ 735-5158.

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Another list I encourage you to explore is the NLM Files mailing list. This mailing list distributes weekly announcements of new/updated files available on the NLM website. The address to subscribe is: lists@mailserv.nlm.nih.gov. Leave the subject line blank and in the message area, include the following: `subscribe nlmfiles`.

On a personal note, I would like to again thank those of you who have taken the time to welcome me back to the RML. It is great to be back. I look forward to working with you, and seeing you at meetings.

SCAMeL ULS Deadline

--Sherry Porter, Serials Librarian, Lewis Library,
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Worth, TX

SCAMeL ULS members who want their updated holding information to appear in individual holding lists and microfiche must submit this information by March 19, 1999. This date applies to all updates received via the postal mail, web form, or fax. This deadline is earlier than usual, since NLM is running products on a different schedule this year. Authorized users of Online SERHOLD have until approximately April 23 to enter their online changes.

It is anticipated that your microfiche will be shipped sometime in May or June. 1999 is the last year that NLM will provide fiche masters for reproduction. If SCAMeL wishes to provide members with microfiche after this year, another vendor will have to produce the masters. Individual downloadable holding files should be available no later than June, dependent on funding.

NLM is still projecting July as the date when the new version of SERHOLD will be available.

Please contact Sherry Porter at sporter@hsc.unt.edu if you wish to submit an update or if you have any questions.

Online MeSH Browser Announced:

A new vocabulary look-up aid is now available for use with MeSH (Medical Subject Headings). It is designed to help quickly locate descriptors of possible interest and to show the hierarchy in which descriptors of interest appear. Virtually complete MeSH records are available, including scope notes, annotations, entry vocabulary, history notes, allowable qualifiers, etc. The browser does not link directly to any MEDLINE or other database retrieval system and, thus is not a substitute for the Internet Grateful MED or PUBMED systems. The link for the MeSH Browser is on the MeSH Homepage <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/>.

The Browser was created to provide an easy look-up for those primarily interested in the MeSH vocabulary itself. In the past, questions had come from the information community asking for a way to scan or browse MeSH. There was voiced a need for access to MeSH as a controlled vocabulary, or as an endpoint and not as a preliminary look-up before MEDLINE searching. It was found that some organizations use MeSH in ways not originally expected such as for grant application file organization and other information activities. Their needs were different from those of the MEDLINE database user. In response, a web-based browser was created to allow flexible access to the vocabulary.

The MeSH Browser points to the newest version of MeSH. It will also find new Supplementary Concepts as these are added and updated quarterly. The initial screen of the MeSH Browser displays the date of the latest update, so the currency of the vocabulary data being browsed is always known.

The MeSH Browser may be used to find descriptors, qualifiers, or Supplementary Concepts of interest and see these in relationship to other concepts. The browser is part of the MeSH WebPages. It finds descriptors of interest without assuming knowledge of the often-complex vocabulary structure and rules.

Comments regarding the MeSH Browser or suggestions for other ways to enhance the usefulness of the MeSH vocabulary can be sent to **meshsugg@nlm.nih.gov**.

Technology Fact Sheet --

COPYRIGHT OF ELECTRONIC MATERIALS

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Copyright issues have always been complex, vague and open to wide interpretation and misunderstanding. Now add to this situation the advent of electronic forms of information and the World Wide Web (Web). This fact sheet is meant as a guide to resources on electronic copyright for your use and your organization's. No legal interpretation or advice is provided by this fact sheet.

The Basics

Copyright is the exclusive right to reproduce and control distribution of a creative work. Electronic format materials are copyrighted in the same manner as print materials. As a rule of thumb, one needs to answer these three questions to decide whether you need permission to use a copyrighted work:

1. Is the material protected?
2. If the material is protected, do you wish to exercise one of the owner's exclusive rights?
3. Is your use exempt or excused from liability for infringement?

The University of Texas provides useful and easy to understand explanations of these three questions and much more at <http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/cprtindx.htm>, entitled *A Crash Course in Copyright*.

Copyright in the Library: The Digital Library, at <http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/l-diglib.htm>, also from the University of Texas, deals exclusively with electronic copyright issues with links to sections of the U.S. Copyright Act.

Another good primer is found at the United States Copyright Office site : <http://lcweb.loc.gov/copyright/circs/circ1.html>.

A good question and answer format site about the basics is *10 Big Myths About Copyright Explained*, at <http://www.templetons.com/brad/copymyths.html>, by Brad Templeton, a publisher of an electronic newspaper on the Net.

Copyright on the Internet, <http://www.fplc.edu/tfield>, by Thomas G. Field, Jr., as part of the Franklin Pierce Law Center, is another good overview of this topic.

Fair Use

What constitutes fair use as an exemption to obtaining an owner's permission? Almost everyone agrees that this concept is vague and hard to understand. Wouldn't guidelines help us understand this area better? A Conference on Fair Use (CONFU) was convened in Washington DC in 1995 to work on a series of guidelines. Two sites that address these guidelines and fair use issues are:

Fair Use of Copyrighted Materials - <http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/copypol2.htm>.

Copyright and Fair Use - <http://fairuse.stanford.edu>.

Institutional Policies

Considering writing a policy on copyright for your institution/organization? The Copyright Clearance Center provides a web page called *Guidelines for Creating a Policy for Copyright Compliance* at <http://www.copyright.com/guidelines.htm>.
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This site will raise issues your organization needs to consider in educating employees on copyright compliance and minimizing your organization's legal exposure.

International Copyright

There is no international copyright that will protect an owner's works throughout the world. Most countries offer protection to foreign authored works under certain conditions which have been simplified by international conventions and treaties. It is important to remember that each country has its own unique set of copyright laws. Two good sites for more information on international issues are:

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) - <http://www.wipo.org>. It provides an overview of international copyright issues. It is important to remember that each country has its own copyright laws.

International Copyright (BITLAW) - <http://www.bitlaw.com/copyright/international.html>.

Licensing Issues

The American Association of Law Libraries, American Library Association, Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries, Association of Research Libraries, Medical Library Association and Special Libraries Association have prepared a checklist on licensing issues called *Principles for Licensing Electronic Resources* at <http://www.sla.org/govt/diglic59.html>.

Violations of Copyright

Information on the Web cannot be reproduced and copied without permission from the owner of the work and in some cases copyrighted works may have been posted to the Web without authorization from the owner.

In the United States copyright violations are now a felony if they involve more than 10 copies and a value over \$2,500. Recent cases can be found at:

Cyberspace copyright cases go to court (PC Magazine) - <http://search.zdnet.com/pcmag/news/trends/t960313a.htm>.

Cybertheft: an every day crime - <http://www.jmk.su.se/jmk/eurorep/24.html>.

Important copyright decisions (BitLaw) - <http://www.bitlaw.com/source/cases/copyright/>.

Life in Cyberspace/ Copyright Laws Send Webmaster Seeking an Oasis of Freedom : <http://www.newsday.com/mainnews/rnmi013n.htm>.

Net Pirates Face Stiff Fines - <http://www.techweb.com/wire/news/1997/10/1013pirate.html>.

Precedents established in 'Net copyright case (Baltimore Business Journal) - http://cgi.amcity.com/journals/high_tech/baltimore/1997-12-22/newscolumn4.html.

Princeton University Press, Macmillan, Inc., and St. Martin's Press, Inc. vs. Michigan Document Services, Inc. - <http://fairuse.stanford.edu/mds/031296orh.html>.

United States Sentencing Commission request for comment on revised sentencing guidelines of 6 January 1998 - <http://www.jya.com/ussc-ecopy.htm>.

Questions regarding the context of this Technology Fact Sheet should be sent to Linda Morgan Davis at LMORGAN@LRRLORG

In the Next Issue - Susan Carter Steelman: Y2K

Class Schedule: March - April, 1999

For the most updated information, please visit our webpage at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/scr/calendar/index2.html>.
Registration will be accepted either online or through regular mail to: **NN/LM SCR, 1133 MD Anderson Boulevard, Houston, TX 77030-2809. Attn: Class Registration.** All classes will be held at the HAM-TMC Library.

Date	Time	Class	Instructor(s)
March 4 (Thursday)	9am - 4pm	Introduction to PubMed & Internet Grateful Med (for academic and special librarians)	Wai-chi Mok Education/Communications Coordinator
March 5 (Friday)	12pm - 4pm	Internet Consumer Health	Wai-chi Mok Education/Communications Coordinator
March 25 (Thursday)	9am - 5pm	Making the Transition: Converting to PubMed & Internet Grateful Med to Searching NLM's Databases	Mary Jackson Outreach Coordinator
March 26 (Friday)	8am - 12pm	Internet Consumer Health	Wai-chi Mok Education/Communications Coordinator
April 2 (Friday)	9am - 1pm	PubMed: Train-the-Trainer	Wai-chi Mok Education/Communications Coordinator
April 9 (Friday)	12pm - 4pm	DOCLINE/Loansome Doc Workshop	Re Mishra Network Coordinator
April 15 (Thursday)	9am - 4pm	Introduction to PubMed & Internet Grateful Med (for academic and special librarians)	Wai-chi Mok Education/Communications Coordinator
April 16 (Friday)	9am - 1pm	Internet Consumer Health	Wai-chi Mok Education/Communications Coordinator
April 22 (Thursday)	9am - 4pm	Making the Transition: Converting to PubMed & Internet Grateful Med to Searching NLM's Databases	Mary Jackson Outreach Coordinator
April 23 (Friday)	9am - 1pm	Internet Consumer Health	Wai-chi Mok Education/Communications Coordinator
April 30 (Friday)	9am - 1pm	PubMed: Train-the-Trainer	Wai-chi Mok Education/Communications Coordinator

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